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BY E-MAIL ONLY

Dear Commissioner:

Re: Review Report – NHC – Cancelled Tenders
NHC file: 1029-20-NHC0289
Our file: 21-169

I write in response to Review Report number 21-214-RR dated February 16, 2022 ("the Report"), in which you made certain findings and five recommendations further to your review under s. 31(1) of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* ("The Act"). We send this response to you, with copy to the Applicant, in accordance with Section 36 of the Act.

The Nunavut Housing Corporation ("NHC" or "the Public Body") accepts your recommendation at paragraphs 89 and 92 of the Report.

NHC rejects, in part, your recommendation in paragraph 88 of the Report. NHC's opinion is that some information in the initial disclosure package was redacted correctly in accordance with the Act. Upon reviewing the Report, NHC also believes that some previously redacted information should be disclosed. NHC intends to review the initial disclosure package with an eye to the findings of the Report and remove redactions where appropriate and consistent with applicable law. A copy of the records in the form proposed for release will be shared with the Applicant shortly.

NHC acknowledges your recommendation in paragraph 90 relating to NHC's exercise of statutory discretion. We must stress that NHC has and will continue to consider whether to exercise its discretion to disclose records in circumstances where discretionary exemptions apply. For avoidance of doubt, NHC did not fail to consider the exercise of its discretion; it only failed to provide written detail regarding same. We now recognize that it may be helpful in the future to provide details regarding the relevant factors considered when determining whether to exercise such discretion.

NHC neither accepts nor rejects your recommendations in paragraph 91 of the Report. How NHC allocates its resources is a matter outside the Commissioner's authority.

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NHC does and will continue to devote all of its available resources to carrying out its public housing mandate and meeting its various statutory obligations.

Sincerely,

Hon. Lorne Kusugak
Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Housing Corporation

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